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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

The Gallup Poll recently conducted a public opinion survey which attempted to present the public view of present university campus upheaval. The several questions asked and the responses to them clearly indicate that the American public has lost patience with the college rebel.

Here are the questions and the key findings:

Do you think college students who break laws while participating in college demonstrations should be expelled, or not?

	Yes	No	No Opin.
NATIONAL . . . . .	82%	11%	7%
21-29 years . . . . .	71	23	6
30-49 years . . . . .	83	10	7
50 and Over. . . . .	85	7	8

Would you favor or oppose having Federal loans taken away from students who break laws while participating in campus demonstration?

	Yes	No	No Opin.
NATIONAL . . . . .	84%	11%	5%
21-29 years . . . . .	78	19	3
30-49 years. . . . .	84	10	6
50 and over. . . . .	88	7	5

Do you think college students should or should not have a greater say in the running of colleges?

	Yes	No	No Opin.
NATIONAL . . . . .	25%	70%	5%
21-29 years . . . . .	44	54	2
30-49 years. . . . .	26	71	3
50 and over. . . . .	16	76	8

A touch of humor was injected recently into the jittery student-faculty-administration relations at the Rutgers University campus by a group called the Greek-American Student Organization.

"The organization's demands included the following:

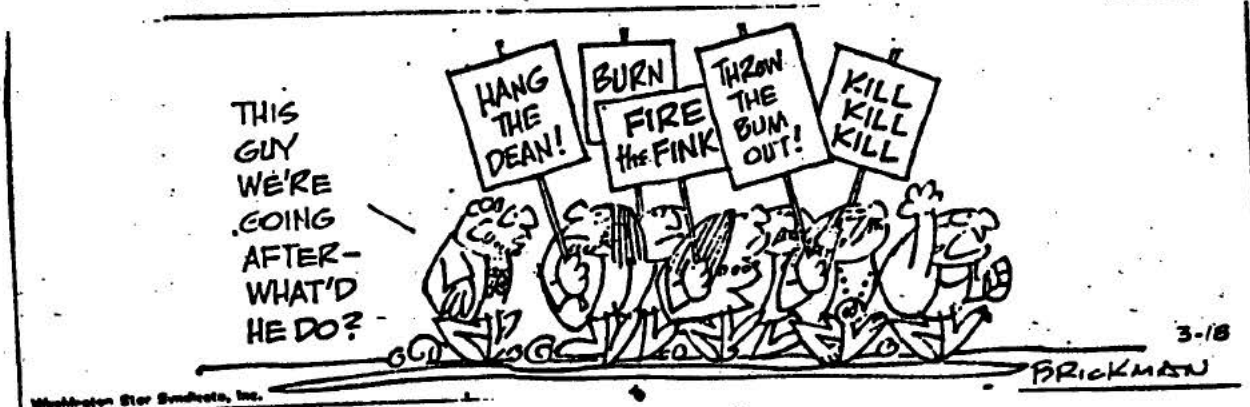
Organization of a Greek-American studies program offering courses in restaurant management, yacht building and military government.

Active recruitment of students of Greek-American ancestry from such high-density areas as Sparta, N. J., Athens, Ga., and Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn.

Hiring of Aristotle Onassis to teach a course in marriage counseling, and Spiro T. Agnew to head the political science department.

Recognition of such important holidays of Greek heritage as Thermopylae Day and Maria Callas's birthday."

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**'YOU'RE RIGHT... WE'VE CAPTURED THE CORNER'**



'I Forget What It Was We Wanted ...'



"Thought I'd go to a university on the GI bill when I get back, and live dangerously."

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

- March 22 \*Chicago, Illinois - The Chicago Area Draft Resisters plans to stage a demonstration at the Armed Forces Military Police Station on Pershing Road. Handbills have been distributed to recruit personnel to participate in this demonstration. *AICK 4-9-78*
- March 22, 23 & 24 Washington, D. C. - The Committee to Abolish HUAC (now H.I.S.C.) will hold its annual conference at which time strategy will be worked out for continuing the movement to abolish the committee.
- March 23-29 \*Decatur, Illinois - The For Soul Only organization at Millikin University is holding a "black emphasis week" at MU. Plans call for a black art and talent show during the week. Three speakers who will supposedly be present are: Roy INNIS (CORE director); Julian BOND (Rep. from Ga.); and Charles HAMILTON (Stokely CARMICHAEL's co-author of "Black Power"). *AICK 7-0-78*
- March 26 \*Washington, D. C. - WSP plans to conduct a national lobby against the War in Vietnam demonstration at the U. S. Capitol building. Five hundred to one thousand women are expected from the East Coast. The demonstration is planned to coincide with anti-Vietnam War speeches to be given in Congress by Rep. John CONYERS and other Congressmen. *FBI IN 16 248*  
*AICK 9-0-78*
- Attempts will be made to get as many individual passes to the gallery as possible from sympathetic Congressmen so as to get as many demonstrators as possible into the gallery while the Congressmen are speaking.

March 27-31

Denver, Colorado - Over 1,000 young Spanish-speaking persons from throughout the country are expected to attend a Chicano Youth Liberation Conference being hosted by the Crusade for Justice. The theme of this meeting is "The New Chicano Revolution! - Where? How? When?" In the series of workshops, broadly described as those dealing with "social revolution" and with "cultural" developments the conference will address itself to the role of young people from the barrios, student movement, rural communities, campesino movement.

April 4

Washington, D. C. - A newly formed District of Columbia Statehood Committee announced a drive to make the District the 51st state by 1971, and also declared that April 4, Good Friday, should be a holiday marking the first anniversary of Martin Luther KING, Jr.'s assassination.

Telegrams asking merchants to close their stores on that day have allegedly been sent to the Presidents of the Board of Trade and the D. C. Chamber of Commerce. "We expect the merchants to comply with this request," the Statehood Committee chairman said.

\*There are indications of implied threats of some sort of extreme activity if merchants do not comply with the request.

April 4-6

\*Toronto, Canada - The Communist Party of Canada will hold its 20th Convention Easter weekend. Communist and Workers Parties from socialist countries, among others, have been invited to send fraternal delegates to the Convention.

It now appears that some areas of this country may be denied a tranquil Happy Easter this year as a number of organizations, primarily either black or

anti-war, have indicated plans to mark Easter weekend by demonstrations and various other activities designed to draw attention and presumably further their causes.

April 4

\*Rev. Ralph D. ABERNATHY, leader of SCLC, announced a nation-wide drive to organize poor whites and Negroes into unions through an alliance of unions, civil rights and religious organizations. The campaign is to begin April 4, which SCLC has designated as National and International day of protest against racism and poverty in commemoration of the 1st anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr. Later SCLC announced that it will commemorate the death of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr., one of its founders, by staging nine days of civil rights confrontations at Easter time in major cities. The action will start on Good Friday, the first anniversary of Dr. KING's murder. To the focus on racism and poverty was added "war."

SCLC officials have listed 19 cities where observances have been planned and said there would be many more. Special symbolic programs will be conducted in cities that had particular significance in Martin Luther KING's career: Memphis, Montgomery, Selma, and Atlanta. Other cities where various commemorations and protests will be conducted are: Raleigh; New Orleans; Cincinnati; San Francisco; Los Angeles; Buffalo; Philadelphia; Houston; Tallahassee; Cleveland; Richmond; Hopewell, Virginia; and Petersburg, Virginia.

The demonstrations are largely to take place in areas in which the SCLC has operational agencies and will take the form of "acceptable, non-violent, direct action," according to Ralph D. ABERNATHY, SCLC President. He said that he preferred to center the first day of the confrontation in Alabama, "where George WALLACE is and where so many forces of evil are present." The form of the observances will vary widely and will turn on around the local issues. " That may mean school walkouts, welfare



protests, peace vigils, boycotts, etc. However, at a SCLC meeting on 25 February the following schedule was agreed upon:

- 4 April - School boycott by children; closing of chain food stores; commemorative vigil at U. N. in N. Y. C. (thru April 7)
- 5 April - "National Tag Day" to raise funds for the SCLC; lapel tags bearing Dr. KING's picture and the words "I Gave" will be sold.
- 6 April - "Black Easter" including a pageant at Chicago, Illinois, during which KING will be symbolically raised from the dead; there and in other cities, a program of wearing old clothes, giving to the poor, refraining from purchase of luxuries, and boycotting department stores.
- 7-12 April - "Days of confrontation" in thirty or more cities.

SCLC also plans to continue its efforts to have KING's birth date, January 15, declared a legal holiday.

Rev. ABERNATHY has announced that he and Mrs. Martin Luther KING, Jr., will lead a march in Memphis and in Selma on April 4 and one in Montgomery, Alabama, on April 5 in what he called the beginning of the "second phase" of the poor people's campaign. The drive will eventually focus on Washington. On Sunday, April 6, ABERNATHY will lead a march in Atlanta.

The demonstrations will launch the second chapter of the Poor People's Campaign. Later this spring, the "Committee of 100" will, according to ABERNATHY, reassemble in Washington to restate its demands and deliver a report entitled "The Poor Peoples Campaign - One Year Later."

In addition to the civil rights, poverty, and Martin Luther KING, Jr. memorial type of activity primarily being sponsored by SCLC, the anti-war groups are stepping-up their plans for Easter week activity. Essentially their efforts will be anti-war but most will not lose the opportunity to include some civil rights activity and memorial to Martin Luther KING, Jr.

Initial planning started at the sparsely attended "National GI-Civilian Anti-War Action Conference" held in Chicago last December 27-29. Among those taking part were Fred HALSTEAD of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party, Leroy WOLINSOF of the Communist Party, and Sidney LENS of the National Mobilization Committee. Primarily an effort of the SWP, YSA, and Student Mobilization Committee, they have been working and propagandizing the idea until now, coalitions have evolved or are being developed to share the organization of the actions.

On January 13, the national office of the Student Mobilization Committee issued a call for international actions against the war, April 6. In the message to anti-war groups throughout the world, SMC included the request that, "In those countries where American servicemen are stationed, we call on the anti-war movement to make a special effort for GI participation in the peace demonstrations." Sympathetic demonstrations are expected in London and Paris.

To build April 6 on the campuses, the New York SMC has suggested holding "preinduction orientation sessions - anti-war basic training." These sessions would be meant to prepare students subject to the draft to carry on legal anti-war activity while in the Army.

April 4-6

\*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Several anti-war groups, including the American Friends Service Committee, are organizing demonstrations for this period in cooperation with the Student Mobilization Committee, which is one of

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the sponsors of demonstrations in seven major cities. Teach-ins, picketing, and a sunrise service will be held.

According to the March 15 issue of the Guardian, radical newsweekly, plans for an April 5-6 GI-Civilian march to bring the troops home now have escalated this week amid growing controversy from groups involved in GI work. The YSA, the SMC, and in New York, the 5th Avenue Peace Parade Committee, are moving ahead with plans to hold Easter weekend marches in seven cities. Strongest opposition came from Vietnam GI, the free-wheeling GI underground paper headquartered in Chicago. Editors of Vietnam GI and other organizers criticize SMC on charges of manipulation and opportunism.

SMC hopes the marches will be peaceful and legal defense for soldiers is being planned by the GI Civil Liberties Defense Committee. The emphasis on legal defense and visible demonstrations is an approach the SMC feels essential. Some GI's feel that emphasis on legal defense is irrelevant and say "it's not the legal ways the Army can get at a GI but the thousands of illegal ways which plague organizing inside the military."

April 5

\*New York City - The New York 5th Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee is planning to organize a GI-Civilian peace demonstration. The Easter weekend action will coincide with others to be held in a number of regional centers across the U. S. A. Seattle, Atlanta, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago are also having demonstrations either on Saturday or Sunday. In Austin, the GI-Civilian anti-war action will be on 13 April.

Anti-war groups in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, and New Jersey are expected for the New York march, as well as GI's from bases all over the east coast. The march will assemble at 2 p. m. at Bryant Park and march to a rally in Central Park. Strong support is being sought from high school students.

\*Chicago, Illinois - The Chicago Peace Council is hosting the Chicago GI-Civilian Peace March on 5 April. The marchers aim to exploit the poor press Chicago received during the Democratic National Convention. The Cleveland Area Peace Action Council (CAPAC) and the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) will participate and also decided to co-sponsor a combination send-off rally and memorial for Martin Luther KING, Jr., on the evening of 4 April. Minneapolis anti-war groups have already been active in building support for the midwest regional demonstration in Chicago. In Detroit an ad hoc committee of more than 100 prominent individuals and organizations is organizing participation in the Chicago action.

Atlanta, Ga. - April 6 (Easter) was selected for the climax to the anti-war demonstration for the southeast region in Atlanta with a mass march. The GI-Civilian Committee will front the demonstration here. Disaffected servicemen from Ft. Benning are expected to lead the march. April 4 will be used to commemorate Martin Luther KING, Jr., and the 5th will be utilized in workshops of assorted topics.

\*Seattle, Washington - The demonstration will be headed by a front group known as the GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace. Various other "peace" groups will take part in the agitation and propagandizing. Plans are under way for a GI-Teach-in near Ft. Lewis on April 6 - Seattle - and mass rallies on both the 5th and 6th.

San Francisco, California - Preliminary planning calls for a massive April 6 march on the Presidio followed by a rally at its gates. The twin themes will be "Bring the GI's Home Now" and "Free the Presidio 27."

April 13

\*Austin, Texas - An intensive campaign to build the anti-war demonstration is underway. It was decided to hold the action on April 13 instead of

Easter weekend when other groups across the country will demonstrate, because many University of Texas students will be home for the holiday. The Texas Committee to End the War in Vietnam will lead the demonstration.

April 13

\*A protest of alleged institutional segregation at the University of Virginia may be staged at the Charlottesville campus on Thomas Jefferson's birthday. A founder and spokesman for the University's Student Coalition, Robert ROSEN stated his intentions for an April 13th protest demonstration in a speech from the capitol steps in Richmond after he and other student leaders found Virginia Governor Mills Godwin not in sympathy with the Student Coalition's demands for university reform.

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April 24-27

Peoria, Illinois - A black cultural week is scheduled to be held at Bradley University.

April 24-27

Washington, D.C. - A National Conference on the "Human Rights of the Man in Uniform" is apparently being planned for the Sheraton Park Hotel by the American Veterans Committee, 1333 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

April 30-May 4

The National Executive Board and the National Committee of the C. P., U.S.A., met earlier this month in New York City to make preparations for the Party's 19th National Convention. The National Committee endorsed a proposal that the National Convention be held from April 30 to May 4, 1969.

On 17 January a call was issued for the Convention by Henry WINSTON, national chairman, and Gus HALL, general secretary. The call hails "the growing radicalization of black Americans, of workers, of students, and the youth."

SOURCE: Government and news media

RELIABILITY: Probably true